

NDE Bulletin
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ESEA Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A Reductions

The 1.5% reduction in these two grant formula allocations is part of a continuing resolution to keep the government running since there is still no approved budget for the Federal fiscal year that began on October 1, 2011. That continuing resolution ends at midnight on November 18, 2011 (tomorrow). Congress must take action by then. Their action could include passing the annual budget (not likely), extending the existing continuing resolution with the 1.5% reduction or pass another continuing resolution that does not include the reduction (rumored to be a possibility). Due to this uncertainty, we are putting all activity on the ESEA Consolidated Application for 2011-12 on hold until we know what happens with the continuing resolution next Monday. Please stay tuned.

Homeless Education Liaisons

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ESEA, as reauthorized by NCLB, requires every school district to have a person designated as homeless education liaison for the school district. A list of the responsibilities of this liaison can be found at this website: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20X.html> See the document entitled Part C: Nebraska Local School District Homeless Liaison (PDF 2002). Information about the education of homeless students can also be found at the above website. The homeless education liaison should be designated in the Contact Information section of the NCLB Consolidated Application submitted by each school district. If a person is not listed in the designated location, the authorized representative listed is considered the liaison.

Additionally, liaisons are encouraged to attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings of your local Continuum of Care (CoC) meeting. Active participation within a local Continuum of Care is the best means of collaborating with housing and homeless service providers ... and it is also therefore the best means of ensuring no homeless child lacks educational resources.

To learn more about local Continuums of Care **and** to access local CoC chairperson contact information, simply double click on your region via the interactive map found at http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/fia/nhap/c_of_c.htm.

2011-2012 Teacher Vacancy Survey – NEW due date: November 18

Contact: Karen Buller (402-471-4837 or karen.buller@nebraska.gov)

The Teacher Vacancy Survey is sent annually to all Nebraska public school districts for the purpose of gathering data relating to teacher supply. The information collected from survey responses is essential in determining official teacher shortage areas for the state. Teachers employed to teach in a content area that has been designated as an official teacher shortage area may be eligible for a number of state and federal teacher loan forgiveness opportunities.

The Teacher Vacancy Survey opens October 15 and is due November 18. The survey can be found in the Portal under the Consolidated Data Collection.

New* Validation Error 495 Not Enrolled, Eligible to Return” Not Found in Subsequent School Year

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The new NSSRS Validation error 495 will display after the last Friday in September 2011 for students in grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 who were reported with a final status of 205 (Not Enrolled, Eligible to Return) in the School Enrollment Template for the 2010-2011 school year, but were not found in the 2011-2012 school year School Enrollment Template on or before the last Friday in September. The student's status needs to be reviewed and changed to a 202 (Dropout), 201 (Transfer Out, with appropriate documentation) or another enrollment code if applicable. A few things to note about correcting error 495:

1) The student's enrollment records can be reviewed using the Enrollment Lookup by ID tool on NSSRS Validation;

2) To resolve this issue with an enrollment code of 202 (dropout), the enrollment date must be after the date of the 205 in the 2010-2011 school year;

3) To resolve this issue with an enrollment code of 201 (transfer out) or other applicable enrollment code, report this correction in the appropriate school year;

4) If the student should be enrolled for the current school year, please submit Student and School Enrollment templates; and

5) Contact the Helpdesk to open the appropriate school year data collection to make corrections.

Please review and make appropriate corrections by December 7, 2011. Thank you for your assistance.